

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SANTO 00543 032128Z

62

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W

----- 010937

R 031931Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2718

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 0543

STADIS////////////////////////////////////

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PROJECTED TRIP TO LA

REF : SD 0525

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FONSEC GOMEZ BERGES DESCRIBED REFTTEL, GOMEZ FIXED UPON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN SECJETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE INTENDED TO VISIT LATIN AMERICAN PRIOR TO THE APRIL OAS MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO GOMEZ' QUERY, I SAID THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WAS NOT YET FIRM, ALTHOUGH I ASSUMED THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT MAINLY A NUMBER OF THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AMERICA. GOMEZ WONDERED WHETHER THE SECRETARY WOULD CONSIDER A BRIEF STOP IN SANTO DOMINGO AS A GESTURE TOWARD THE CARIBBEAN. HE CONTINUED THAT WHAT HE HAD IN MIND WAS A FEW HOURS ONLY, PERHAPS FOR LUNCHEON, EITHER ON HIS WAY TO OR RETURNING FROM SOUTH AMERICA. I WAS NONCOMMITTAL AND SAID I WOULD PASS HIS THOUGHTS ON.

2. AT DINNER THAT EVENING (JAN 31) WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER, THE PRESIDENT ALSO MENTIONED TO ME HIS HAVING NOTED WITH INTEREST THE SECRETARY'S PROJECTED TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. GOOD-HUMOREDLY, HE SAID THAT WERE THE SECRETARY TO VISIT SANTO DOMINGO HE WOULD FIND NO CONFLICTS THAT NEEDED RESOLVING. I REPLIED THAT UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS FREQUENTLY THE LOT OF US SECRETARIES

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SANTO 00543 032128Z

OF STATE TO OEIREQUIRED TO DEVOTE THEIR TIME TO PROBLEM-SOLVING.

THE SUBJECT WAS THEC DROPPED.

3. COMMENT: I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SCRUBBING THE BA-MFM HAS PROVIDED THE SECRETARY MORE TIME FOR HIS LA TRIP. IF SO, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT HE CONSIDER A BRIEF STOP HERE NOT ONLY AS A BOW IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CARIBBEAN (AN IMPORTANT AREA FROM THE STANDPOINTS OF US SECURITY AND RAW MATERIAL SOURCE) BUT AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL SPECIFICALLY TO BALAGUER WHO HAS PROVED OVER EIGHT YEARS TO BE STEADFASTLY FRIENDLY TOWARD US. ALSO, THE SECRETARY MIGHT FIND THE ABSENCE OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS

IN US-DOMINICAN RELATIONS REFRESHING. IN THIS REGARD, FASHION-DESIGNER OSCAR DE LA RENTA MENTIONED TO ME A FEW WEEKS AGO THAT HE HAD OFFERED HIS HOME TO THE SECRELARY SHOULD THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER FIND TIME FOR A FEW DAYS OF VACATION. THIS SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY OF A BRIEF LAST STOP ON THE TRIP IN SANTO DOMINGO TO BE FOLLOWED BY VACATION AT DE LA RENTA'S VERY COMFORTABLE HOME IN SECLUDED, IDYLLIC SURROUNDINGS AT THE SEA NEAR LA ROMANA.

HURWITCH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SANTO00543
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750039-0476
From: SANTO DOMINGO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750277/aaaacrqm.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Reference: 75 SD 0525
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 SEP 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <09 SEP 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SECRETARY'S PROJECTED TRIP TO LA
TAGS: OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006